Development of Tourism in Rajasthan

1633. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount the Central Government spent on development of tourism in Rajasthan during the last three years together with the names of places where the amount was spent;

(b) how many foreign tourists visited Rajasthan during the last three years; and whether their number has ben continuously going up; and

(c) whether foreign tourists also visit Swai Madhopur Tiger Project, if so, what is the number of foreign tuorists who visited during the last three years, year-wise, and what steps are being taken to attract more tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) During the last 3 years, financial assistance was extended to the Government of Rajasthan as follows:

Year	Amount Sanctioned
1988-89	Rs. 84.88 lakhs
1989-90	Rs. 23.24 lakhs
1990-91	Rs. 152.34 lakhs

The above amounts were sanctioned for development and promotion of tourist at Deogarh, Mandava, Pushkar, Mahinsar, Alwar, Shekhavati, Chittoragarh, Behror, Fetehpur, Gogonda, Jhalwar and Menal.

(b) Foreign tourist who visited Rajasthan during the last 3 years are as follows:—

1988	3,66,287
1989	4,14,572
1990	4,17,641

The number of foreign tourists are going up continuously in Rajasthan.

(c) Foreign tourists who visited Swai Madhopur during the last three years are as under:

1988	2557
1989	3607
1990	5059

The development and promotion of tourism is a continuing process and all necessary steps are being taken to attract tourists such as improvement of infrastructure, increased facilities and better publicity.

Expansion of Terminal and other Infrastructure at Airport

1634. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to expand terminal facilities and other infrastructure at various airports to meet the growing demands of passengers and cargo traffic;

(b) if so, what is the amount of money allocated for the said task;

(c) the details of the airports which will be upgraded during the year 1991-92; and

(d) what is the extent to which the passengers demands would be met?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Expansion of terminal and other infrastructural facilities at the airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon the requirements projected by the operators (Airlines) as well as availability of resources. During 1991-92, the National Airports Authority has planned to execute 17 aerodrome works with an outlay of Rs. 31.36 crores.

(c) The details are as under:—

(i) Extension of runway and construction of a new block at Ahmedabad Airport;

(ii) Extension of runway at Bhopal;

(iii) Extension of runway and construction of the terminal building at Coimbatore.

(iv) Construction of new Civil Air Terminal Complex at Gwalior.

(d) Upgradation of these facilities at the above mentioned airports would make it possible for bigger and modern aircraft to operate.

Overtime paid by Indian Airlines

1635. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of money spent in Indian Airlines in paying overtime to its staff during the years 1989, 1990 and so far in 1991; and

(b) what measures Indian Airlines propose to take to reduce the amount?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The amount spent by Indian Airlines on payment of overtime allowance to its staff during 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and April to October, 1991 is as follows:—

Years	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1988-89	7.42
1989-90	8.88
1990-91	8.00
April to October, 1991	6.35

(b) Overtime is allowed only due to unaviodable operational reasons like delays/consequential delays and cancellation of flights etc. The expenditure on overtime is regularly monitored by Indian Airlines in order to reduce it.

Allowances given to engineers of Indian Airlines

1636. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines engineers are given an allowance for atteding office;

(b) what are the details of other allowances given to Indian Airlines engineers;

(c) the reasons for giving such allowances; and

(d) the measures taken to reduce such allowances?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir. The Aircraft engineers are being paid Rs. 10/- per day of attendence as out of pocket expenses.

(b) The details of various allowances paid to Aircraft engineers are shown in Annexure.

[*See* Appendix CLXI, Annexure No. 47].

(c) and (d) The various allowances being given to Aircraft Engineers have been part of various Wage Agreements signed by Indian Airlines with the All India Aircraft Engineers Association. As these allowances are part of the wage agreements, there is no proposal to reduce the same.

Slow Baggage Handling at International Airports

1637. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that international passengers